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- (54) Method of controlling fine particulate flowback in subterranean wells
- A welbore penetrating a subterranean formetion is treated with a fluid whereby fine particulate flowback is reduced or prevented. The method includes the steps of providing a fluid suspension including a mixture of a particulate coated with a tackifying compound, pumping the suspension into a subterranean formation and depositing the mixture within the formation whereby the tacklying compound retards movement of at least a portion of any fine particulate within the formation upon flow of fluids from the aubterranean formation through the wellbore. Alternatively, the tackifying compound may be introduced into a subterranean formation in a diluent containing solution to deposit upon previously introduced particulates to retaid movement of such particulates and any fines subject to flow with production of fluids from the subterranean formation.

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